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Sir :

In response to the Office Action of November 1, 2007, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on February 1, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the claims now pending.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.